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CONFERENCE
2025**



First Circular
**“DYNAMIC EARTH, FRAGILE
ENVIRONMENT & PATH TO CLIMATE-
RESILIENT SOCIETIES”**

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ORGANIZED BY:

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
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CONCEPT NOTE:

The dynamic Earth has undergone continuous transformations shaped by both physical and human processes. We now find ourselves in a challenging era where significant human-induced changes are reshaping the natural environment. With rapid technological advancements, we are continually modifying our surroundings—both environmental and societal. While cutting-edge technologies have improved our lives, they have also exacerbated the fragility of our environment in irreversible ways, influencing Earth systems and global socio-economic realities.

As a result, we are confronting a climate crisis marked by extreme weather events and rising sea levels, which threaten global food and water security, economic stability, human welfare, and related concerns. It is crucial to acknowledge that these changes disproportionately affect vulnerable communities, demanding our collective attention and action.

The rapidly shifting global geopolitical and economic landscapes raise serious concerns about environmental disasters, human vulnerabilities, socio-economic development, global governance, agricultural and production systems, urbanization, development policies, and the role of human agency. Simultaneously, the climate crisis and increasing natural disasters are intensifying eco-anxiety, particularly in fragile ecosystems like the Himalayas. Communities are witnessing the everyday impacts of climate change diminishing water sources, agrarian distress, economic disruptions, frequent glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs), landslides, wildfires, shrinking biodiversity, climate-induced displacement, and health crises.

While international agencies are striving to enhance financial support for developing nations to harness green energy and navigate the complex challenges posed by climate change efforts aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) some countries are weakening their commitments and reverting to brown energy sources. This shift threatens to undermine global multilateral institutional frameworks in favor of bilateral agreements.

India, however, is setting a remarkable example as it moves toward achieving these goals through a people-centric approach aimed at ensuring that “no one is left behind.” Various ambitious initiatives underscore this commitment. The Government of India’s National Action Plan on Climate Change includes pioneering missions such as the National Solar Mission, the Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency, the National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, Jal Jeevan Mission, National Health Mission, Digital Health Mission, the Mission for Sustainable Habitat, and the Mission for Strategic Knowledge on Climate Change. These initiatives are tailored to promote resilience and sustainability. The National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE) particularly reflects India’s dedication to building human and institutional capacities in ecologically sensitive regions.

Though the efforts of international and national agencies are commendable, they achieve their fullest potential when energized by public participation. Policymakers, planners, and governments worldwide must unite to develop models that help us understand emerging



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trends and craft effective adaptation strategies through technological innovation. There exists an exciting opportunity to build climate-resilient societies capable of adapting to rapid change while mitigating adverse impacts.

Academics in general and geographers in particular have a vital role to play by engaging in capacity building and creating platforms for dialogue on pioneering approaches. With the power of big data analytics, now is the time to propose innovative solutions and transform the challenges presented by the AI revolution into opportunities for constructive change. In this evolving context, Geography and Geographical Information Systems (GI Sciences) are central to leveraging big data for climate disaster risk reduction (CDRR) and advancing sustainable development goals (SDGs). By generating expansive geodatabases and inventories on human and environmental changes, decision-making processes can be significantly enhanced.

A wide range of geographic tools and methodologies enables us to monitor environmental and societal changes and manage resources more efficiently. The upcoming 46th Annual Meeting of the Indian Institute of Geographers (IIG) and the International Conference, themed “Dynamic Earth, Fragile Environment, and Path to Climate-Resilient Societies,” will be held at H.N.B. Garhwal University (A Central University) in Srinagar, Uttarakhand. This inspiring event aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers from diverse disciplines to exchange knowledge, expertise, and best practices on utilizing geospatial technologies and big data analytics in building climate-resilient communities.

Engaging discussions will cover a wide range of topics, from Earth system dynamics and climate change adaptation to socio-economic transformations. Together, let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead and collaborate to build a sustainable and thriving future.

CONFERENCE SUB-THEMES:

The conference invites abstracts and full papers on the following sub- themes but not restricted to the list:

❖ **Dynamic Earth Systems:**

- Cryospheric Changes in Himalayas and Polar Environments
- Desertification and Land Degradation
- Understanding Monsoon Variability; Drought and Floods
- Anthropocene Geography & Changing Environment
- Changing Landscape & Land Use and Land Cover

❖ **Fragile Environment:**

- Increasing Extreme Climatic Events in Mountain Environment
- Himalayan Forelands, Floods & Economy
- Central Highlands of India and Droughts
- Global Climate change policies and climate justice
- Changing Agroclimatic patterns and agrarian crisis
- Tourism and vulnerable ecologies
- Man-animal conflicts in shrinking Animal Habitats
- Geographies of energy crisis, politics of carbon



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❖ **Climate-Resilient Societies:**

- Disaster Mitigation and Disaster Risk Reduction Preparedness
- **Geoinformatics & Machine Learning for Big Data Analytics**
- **Climate adaptation actions-** practices and narratives of resilience
- **Urban Spaces: Design, plans and Governance** - housing, slums and civic amenities, smart cities, green spaces, urban governance and planning
- **Rural Development-issues and concerns-** changing agricultural practices and ecosystem services, innovation and climate adaptations strategies
- **Transport geographies-** sustainable transportation, carbon-neutral initiatives, smart energy solutions, urban mobility justice-walking & cycling corridors, road accidents, transport policy and governance
- **Population Dynamics-** demographic dividends; fertility, mortality, mobility, migration, and diaspora; children and young people's need, older adults, persons with disabilities
- **Social wellbeing, and care economy**
- **Feminist geographies, gendered geographies-** women and economy, geographies of resistance- LGBT (Queer, transgender) communities
- **Space, place and society-** historical geographies, issues of development and dispossession, indigenous communities and local governance; marginalized communities and spaces
- **Geographies of work, labour and economic development,** social security, formal and informal sectors, precarious livelihoods, e-commerce, and gig workers
- **Health and medical geographies-** the diseases and their spatial patterns, healthcare systems and challenges, informal healthcare, nutrition, reproductive health, mental health, healthy aging, accessibility to health, telemedicine and digital health initiatives
- **Digital geographies-** digital territoriality, cyber security and privacy, social network, communication, network society and digital divide
- **School education, geography curricula and assessment practices in geography**

MEMORIAL LECTURES:

1. PROFESSOR A. B. MUKERJI MEMORIAL LECTURE:

Since 2016, the IIG has instituted the Professor A. B. Mukerji Memorial Lecture in honour of the eminent Indian geographer Professor A. B. Mukerji (1929–2011), a pioneering figure in cultural geography in India. Professor Mukerji taught at Panjab University, Chandigarh for over four decades and made outstanding contributions to both teaching and research in geography.

2. PROFESSOR AIJAZUDDIN AHMAD MEMORIAL LECTURE:

Since 2024, the IIG, in collaboration with the Institute of Human Geography, USA, and the Professor Aijazuddin Ahmad Memorial Fund for Social Geography, has instituted the Professor Aijazuddin Ahmad Memorial Lecture to honour the legacy of the distinguished geographer and academician. Over a career spanning more than four decades, Professor Ahmad taught at Aligarh Muslim University and Jawaharlal Nehru University and held key positions in several nationally recognized academic councils and institutions. He is widely regarded as a leading figure in the field of Social Geography in India.

3. PROFESSOR MOONIS RAZA CENTENARY YEAR LECTURE:

We are delighted to announce that, along with the celebration of 100 years of Geography in India, the IIG and the Department of Geography, HNBGU will also commemorate the birth centenary of



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Professor Moonis Raza. Professor Raza was a central figure in academic planning at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and served as the founding Chairperson of the Centre for the Study of Regional Development at JNU. He also held key administrative roles as Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi and Director of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi and Chairperson of ICSSR.

4. PROF. K.R. DIKSHIT YOUNG GEOGRAPHERS' COMPETITION:

A competition for young geographers will be held during the conference. The winner will receive a certificate and a cash prize. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

1. The participant must be below 30 years of age.
2. The participant must be an Indian national.
3. A single-authored abstract and full paper must be submitted within the deadline specified in the abstract submission section. The final date for full paper submission will be shared in the second circular.
4. A bonafide certificate from the Head of the Department or the research supervisor must accompany the abstract.
5. A copy of the institutional identity card must be submitted.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Organizing Committee accepts submissions of abstracts of original contributions on any topic related to the scientific program sessions. If you wish to submit an abstract for consideration, kindly follow the instructions outlined below.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING ABSTRACTS:

1. **Title:** A brief title within 20 words is suggested. It should be in bold type, capitalizing the 1st letter of all words of four letters or more
2. **Author(s):** The family/surname should be typed in CAPITAL letters and the first and middle name with first letter in capital.
3. **Affiliation** of the author(s) should be listed by number, and add the number in superscript form after the name(s). Put a '*' mark on the corresponding author.
4. **Text:** The abstract must clearly indicate the problem, methodology and result of the work within 300 words/2000 characters (Abstracts above this limit will not be accepted).

- Abstracts, registration fee and IIG Headquarter fee should be submitted through google form link mentioned above latest by **31st August, 2025**.
- Hard copy/Email submission of abstracts will not be accepted.
- All author (s) will be required to register for the Conference in order to ensure their abstract (s) is/are included in the technical sessions(s) and abstract volume.
- Acceptance of abstracts will be mailed to the corresponding author on or before **31st August, 2025 by e-mail only**.
- Full papers for Young Geographers' competition should be submitted **by 15th August, 2025**.
- Sessions will be merged if there are insufficient number of abstracts submitted in subthemes; and will be re-allocated to a closest session theme as decided by the Program Committee.
- We have planned to publish the conference proceedings if sufficient number of good quality papers are received. The date of submitting full papers will be informed in due course.



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LINK:



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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE:

Registration includes: Participation, Conference Kit, Abstract Volume; Accommodation and Food, **Accompanying Person's registration includes:** Accommodation and Food

Student Registration: Student Registration Fee is applied to the persons below 30 years of age and continuing their M.Sc./M.Phil. /Ph. D. as a Full -time student/scholar. A copy of an ID document is required (Institutional ID card or a letter from the Departmental Head or Research Supervisor) to avail the student's registration facility.

Category of Registration	Early Bird Registration* (Before 31 st August, 2025)			Late Registration* (After 31 st August, 2025)		
	Indian	SAARC Countries (INR)	Foreign Delegates	Indian	SAARC Countries (INR)	Foreign Delegates
Professional	4500	6000	\$100	5000	6500	\$125
Regular Teacher	4000	5500	\$100	4500	6000	\$125
Student/ Research Scholar/ Retired Teacher (Member)	3500	5000	\$75	4000	5500	\$100
Accompanying Person	3500	5000	\$75	4000	5500	\$100

*Non-member participants will have to take either Annual or Life Membership of the Institute of Indian Geographers' (IIG).

BANK DETAILS FOR PAYMENT:

Registration fee is to be deposited directly to the conference account through online banking payable in favour of **"46th IIG CONFERENCE"**

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HEADQUARTER FEE:

An additional amount of **Rs. 250/-** will have to be deposited to the IIG account by every participant as **IIG Headquarter Fee**. Both the membership fee and Headquarter fee shall be directly remitted to the account of IIG, Pune. Participants are required to produce evidence of any amount deposited by them as Membership fee, Headquarter fee or registration fee in case of any dispute. (for all participants) and **IIG MEMBERSHIP FEE** (for non- members only). Account details are given below: * **There is no provision of refunding the registration fee.**

ACCOUNT NAME:	The Institute of Indian Geographers
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ABOUT THE IIG:

The Institute of Indian Geographers (IIG) was established in 1979 with the Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University, as its registered headquarters. Since its inception, the IIG has been committed to promoting geographical knowledge through research, teaching, and related academic and social activities that directly or indirectly contribute to the growth of Geography.

Since its foundation, the IIG has regularly published its bi-annual journal, *Transactions, Institute of Indian Geographers*, which is listed in SCOPUS and UGC CARE. The IIG also organizes the Annual Geographers' Meet in different parts of the country, along with topical seminars from time to time.

Currently, the IIG has more than 1,200 Life Members, Institutional Members, Annual Members, and regular subscribers to its journal.

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Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), established in 1973 and named after the eminent freedom fighter Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna, is a Central University located in the pristine Himalayan region of Srinagar, Garhwal, Uttarakhand. It was granted Central University status in 2009 under the Central Universities Act. As one of India's leading academic institutions, HNBGU is committed to excellence in teaching, research, and community engagement. Serving a vast geographical area known for its ecological sensitivity and cultural richness, the university has become a hub for Himalayan studies, environmental research, and interdisciplinary education. HNBGU operates across three campuses—Srinagar (main campus), Pauri, and Tehri—offering a broad spectrum of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs across disciplines including sciences, humanities, social sciences, environmental studies, and more. With a strong emphasis on research-driven innovation, the university fosters academic pursuits aligned with regional development and global sustainability goals.

ABOUT THE HOST DEPARTMENT:

The Department of Geography, School of Earth Sciences at H.N.B. Garhwal University has played a vital role since its establishment in 1973 and recently celebrated its Golden Jubilee. With campuses located in the scenic regions of Srinagar, Pauri, and Tehri, the department boasts a team of 16 faculty members, including four Professors, one Associate Professor, and eleven Assistant Professors, specializing in diverse sub-disciplines such as Glacial Geomorphology, Social Geography, Environmental Management, Spring Watershed Management, Population Geography, Tourism, Natural Hazards, and Agriculture. The Department of Geography at HNBGU is particularly renowned for its academic rigor and focus on physical and human geography, geospatial technologies, and environmental management. This makes it a fitting host for discussions on climate resilience, fragile ecosystems, and sustainable development in the Himalayan context. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities the department welcomes 55 postgraduate students and over 1,000 undergraduate students annually, fostering a vibrant and diverse learning environment.

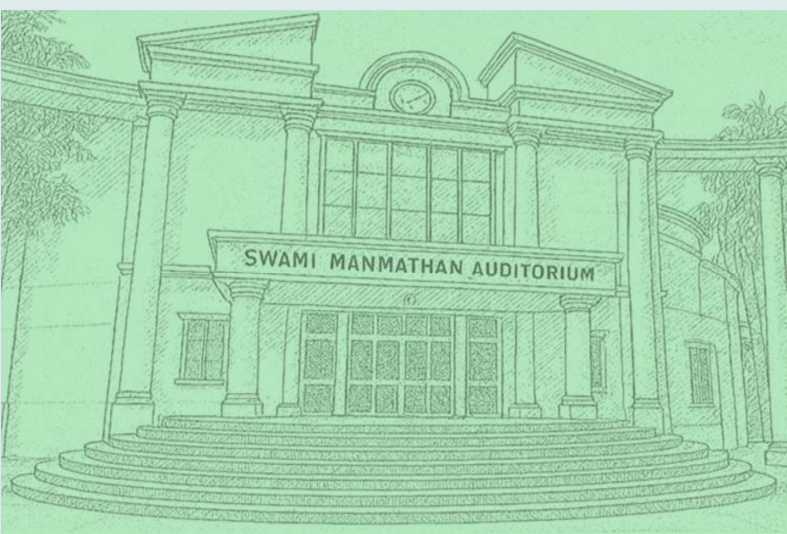


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VENUE:

The inaugural session, memorial lectures, key-note lectures, young geographers' competition, cultural programme and valedictory session will be held in Swami Manmathan Auditorium, Chauras Campus of the University. Technical sessions to be held in the Academic Activity Centre (having 120 seating capacity in each room). The Academic Activity Centre, HNBGU, and Swami Manmathan Auditorium and other presentation halls are situated within the picturesque Chauras Campus of the University.



TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION:



Srinagar Garhwal is directly connected with Haridwar/ Yog Nagari Rishikesh by road. The distance of Srinagar Garhwal from the YN Rishikesh Railway Station is about 99 km and from Jolly Grant Airport (Dehradun) about 117 km (about three hour's journey). Regular bus and shared taxi service between Haridwar/ Yog Nagari Rishikesh to Srinagar Garhwal are available. Approximate shared taxi fare from Haridwar/ Yog Nagari Rishikesh to Srinagar Garhwal is Rs. 300/, while the rate from Dehradun city is Rs.500. Full hired taxi from (4- seater) from Jolly Grant Airport (Dehradun)



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to Srinagar Garhwal is Rs. 3000/- and from YN Rishikesh Railway Station to Srinagar Garhwal is Rs. 2000/-. Shared vehicles are also available at cheaper rate. Srinagar Garhwal bound shared taxi will drop directly at HNBGU Main Gate. Daily bus service from Haridwar/YN Rishikesh are also available. For availing cheap fare, participants (who wish to travel by AIR) are requested to book their air tickets to Jolly Grant Airport (Dehradun) as early as possible.

ACCOMMODATION:

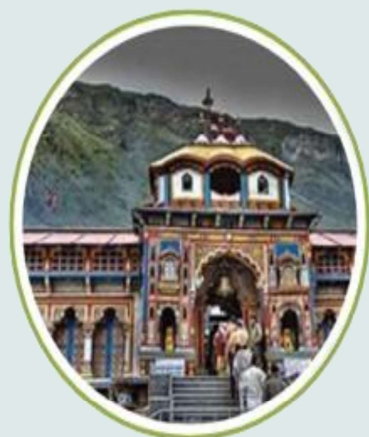
Accommodation will be arranged in different Guest Houses in the Chauras Campus of the University as well as some hired accommodation in and around Srinagar Garhwal during the Conference. Free-shared accommodation for the registered participants will be available from 24th October (Afternoon) to 27th October (Morning), 2025. Request for accommodation before and after those dates will be chargeable as per the concerned guest house/ hotel tariff. On request, hotel accommodation can be arranged in the city with advance payment.

WEATHER IN SRINAGAR GARHWAL (UTTARAKHAND):

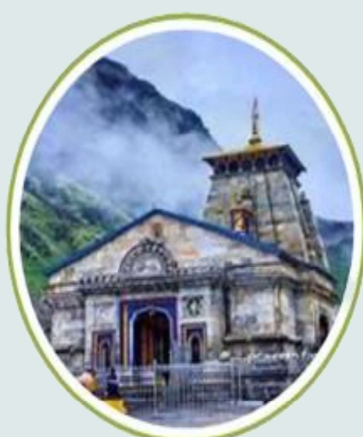
October in Srinagar Garhwal invites mild weather, with minimum temperatures ranging from approximately 15 degree C at night to maximum 25 degree C at daytime. Any cloud cover may invite cool weather; therefore, delegates are requested to bring warm clothing accordingly. Those who planning to visit nearby tourist spots such as Badrinath, Kedarnath, Auli, may bring heavy warm clothing accordingly.

STUDY TOUR:

A one-day study tour may be arranged on a payment basis if a sufficient number of candidates enroll. Details will be provided in the second circular.



Badrinath



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